



Le Sueur Office



Le Sueur Belle Plaine



Belle Plaine Office

VETERINARY CLINIC NEWS

Volume 16, Issue 3

Fall, 2006

Laser Surgery – Moving into the New Millennium

Did you know we can use a laser to cut like a scalpel? Did you know lasers are available in veterinary medicine?

We are very excited to let everyone know about our new surgical laser. After researching the costs and benefits of the technology, we decided it was something we had to offer to our clients. Now your pet can have a more comfortable surgical experience.

How does it work? The laser works like a scalpel during surgery. It seals off the blood vessels and nerves as it cuts and vaporizes the tissue. The benefit of cutting tissue with the laser is that there is less pain, less bleeding and less swelling compared to conventional surgery with a scalpel.

What does this mean for your pet? Simply, surgery is much more comfortable and they recover from it more quickly. We have already made it mandatory to use the laser on cat declaws because the cats are so much more comfortable on their feet. They walk on their feet after surgery and hardly limp at all. They eat aggressively and don't growl and vocalize as much. Laser surgery is the only humane way to perform declaws!

We have also used the laser to spay and neuter dogs and are noticing a big difference there too. With conventional surgery dogs usually leave the clinic walking tenderly. After laser surgery, they often run out to the owners like nothing has happened.

Please ask us about the benefits of using the laser to help your pet recover from surgery more quickly.

Fleas and Ticks

As fall approaches and the temperatures drop it's time to remind everyone to protect their pets from fleas and ticks. We begin to see an increased number of ticks along with fleas looking for a warm body on which to spend the winter. Fleas and ticks can transmit diseases to your pet so don't delay. Apply Frontline, our number one choice for fleas and ticks to keep your pet healthy and happy and have a house free of fleas!

VetStore

Here's a new service for you! Shop online at home for veterinary products and your products will be shipped directly to you. You may shop directly from our website. There are two VetStore icons on our opening page. You would pick the Le Sueur or Belle Plaine icon depending where you normally take your pet. Place your order and they can be approved on line. When you shop for refills for your pets' prescriptions VetStore will notify our doctors for approval. You pay for your order at the time online with a credit card. There are little or no shipping charges depending on the order. Any rebates or specials will be calculated in at the time of purchase. They also offer e-mail reminders for all items that need refilling. VetStore also carries other OTC items that do not need prescriptions, and they carry several brands of veterinary diets for your dog or cat. Go to the website and check it out. Many of our clients have already purchased products and are very satisfied. VetStore also guarantees their products unlike some other internet stores. VetStore is owned and operated by veterinarians.

Welcome Kathy Hinderscheid!



Kathy joined our team this spring as receptionist in Le Sueur. She grew up on a farm near Doland, South Dakota, and moved to Minnesota in 1987. Kathy lives in the country west of Le Sueur with her husband Jim and their family of four dogs. As an absolute animal lover, Kathy's prior job was managing a cat/dog boarding kennel for eight years near the metro area.

We are very happy to have Kathy as a member of our team!

Main Street Pets Closing

Main Street Pets boarding and grooming will be closing Jan. 15, 2007. Le Sueur Veterinary Services will be relocating to this building. Our full line of veterinary services will remain at our Le Sueur location, as will our outstanding customer service.

Top Ten Toxins for Pets

1. Antifreeze – causes permanent kidney damage and slow death from kidney failure
2. Rat and Mouse Bait – causes death from internal bleeding
3. Flea Products – when used incorrectly causes death in cats, kittens and puppies
4. Anti-inflammatory medication (ibuprofen) – causes stomach ulcers and kidney damage
5. Acetaminophen (Tylenol) – causes red blood cell problems and liver damage
6. Chocolate – causes increased heart rate and can cause death due to heart problems – especially bakers chocolate in small dogs
7. Indoor Plants – Many cause mouth irritation, salivation, and poor appetite
8. Lillies – these plants can cause permanent kidney damage in cats
9. Human Prescription Medication – can cause vomiting, seizures, agitation and sometimes death
10. Tablefood (bones & fat) – although not technically a poison, this can cause severe life-threatening pancreatitis in dogs.

Pepe is our new clinic cat in Le Sueur. He is a former pound cat. We couldn't resist his loving personality. He loves to purr. Stop by for some special attention from Pepe.



Word of Caution...

Please remember to park your car at the south side of our clinic in Le Sueur off the street. You are more than welcome to use the side door to enter. This route is much safer than trying to get pets or children from your car on the busy Main Street.



LE SUEUR VETERINARY SERVICES

700 North Main St., Le Sueur, MN 56058

COMPANION ANIMALS AND PETS, BOARDING AND GROOMING

507-665-2377 or 1-800-439-2376

Hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Tues. 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Drop Off/Pick Up Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

BELLE PLAINE ANIMAL HOSPITAL

304 S. Ash St., Belle Plaine, MN 56011

COMPANION ANIMALS AND PETS

952-873-VETS (8387)

Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.;

Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

(Saturday hours for Urgent Care and Dispensing)

Drop Off/Pick Up Hours:

7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Friday Close at 5:00 p.m.

PRSRRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
LE SUEUR, MN 56058
PERMIT NO. 65

LE SUEUR VETERINARY SERVICES
700 North Main St., Le Sueur, MN 56058

BELLE PLAINE ANIMAL HOSPITAL
304 S. Ash St., Belle Plaine, MN 56011